

Supervisor Romaine Urges Residents to Conserve Water During Severe Heat Wave and Drought

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Farmingville, NY – Noting the hot temperatures and lack of rainfall on Long Island, Supervisor Ed Romaine has asked residents and businesses to conserve water during the current drought. According to the United States Drought Monitor, Central Long Island, including the Town of Brookhaven is experiencing a severe drought. Rainfall in the region is below normal and daytime temperatures have remained well into the 90s for more than a week. The heat and drought also increases the potential danger of wild fires in the region, so precautions must be taken to reduce the chance of fires, such as avoiding campfires and to never toss lit cigarettes or cigars where they could start a fire.

During the drought, residents and businesses should observe the following water conservation tips:

- Avoid over watering your lawn and water only when needed. If you must water, do it in the early morning or later in the evening. Remember that a heavy rain can eliminate the need to water for up to two weeks.
- Take quick showers instead of baths.
- Operate dishwashers only when full and do not rinse dishes before placing them in the dishwasher.
- Avoid washing your car or use a commercial car wash that recycles water.
- Store drinking water in the refrigerator to avoid running water from the tap to get it cold.

For more information about drought and wild fires, go to the National Weather Service website at www.weather.gov.

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